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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 14, 2004

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HURRIYET/MILLIYET/CUMHURİYET/RADIKAL/TERCUMAN /MILLI GAZETE/TURKIYE/BOLGE/EVRENSEL/VAKIT/YENI SAFAK/ULKEDE OZGUR GUNDEM: Former DEP deputies, Leyla Zana, Orhan Dogan, Hatip Dicle, and Selim Sadak attended DEHAP's Diyarbakir meeting after they were discharged from Ankara prison. Addressing to approximately one hundred thousand people, Leyla Zana called on the Kongra Gel to extend the truce for six more months and urged the government to make the legal arrangements for regaining the militants who are in prison or in the mountains. The crowd carried Abdullah Ocalan's pictures and chanted pro-Ocalan slogans. The former DEP deputies visited Diyarbakir Governor Nusret Miroglu at his office yesterday.

SABAH/TURKIYE/BOLGE: The Bingol security officials announced that a hand grenade exploded in the hands of one of the terrorists trying to attack the jandarma casino in Bingol last night. Reinforcements were sent to the scene and as a result of the ensuing clashes two terrorists were killed. Entrance and exit to the town was taken under control.

EVRENSEL/TURKIYE/YENI SAFAK: All mayors from Tunceli province expressed concern in a joint press announcement about KONGRA GEL's ending the truce which had created partial reconciliation in the region. The mayors stated that they would support steps by all sides for developing the climate for peace and dialogue.

SABABH (GuneY)/EKSPRES: In Adana, based on a tip, jandarma from the Jandarma Intelligence Section Directorate and Incirlik Jandarma Command arrested red-handed Halit K. and Mustafa K. while they were selling six pistols, one weapon and assorted bullets and clips to jandarma who pretended to be buyers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS:

SABABH (GuneY): One of Turkey's largest domestic-source-based power plants, the Afsin-Elbistan Power Plant in Kahramanmaraş province, will come into operation in 2005. The first unit of the plant, which will run on low grade lignite, will be opened in July 2004. The energy plant is being constructed on a BOT basis by the Mitsubishi Heavy -Deutsche Bacoock-Gama/Tekfen, and Tokar-Enka consortium for 1.21 billion US dollars and 29.995 million Euros.

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